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SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON PESTICIDE USE AND RESIDUES

1. THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) ROUTINELY ANALYZES US DOMESTIC AND IMPORTED FOOD COMMODITIES IN ORDER TO ESTIMATE DIETARY INTAKE OF PESTICIDE RESIDUES AND TO PROTECT US RESIDENTS FROM POTENTIALLY EXCESSIVE PESTICIDAL INTAKE. CONSIDERING THE VAST ARRAY OF PESTICIDES AVAILABLE  
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FOR USE ON ANY ONE INDIVIDUAL COMMODITY AND THE PRACTICAL IMPOSSIBILITY OF ANALYZING EVERY COMMODITY FOR EVERY POTENTIAL PESTICIDE RESIDUE, KNOWLEDGE OF CONTINUALLY CHANGING WORLDWIDE PESTICIDE USE PATTERNS PROVIDES A MEANS OF DIRECTING THE FDA TESTING PROGRAMS.

2. THE US GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE (GAO) IS INVESTIGATING

EFFORTS MADE TO IDENTIFY PESTICIDE RESIDUES IN/ON FOOD CONSUMED BY US RESIDENTS. THEY ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY OF FDA'S TESTING PROGRAM. IN ORDER TO PERFORM THIS INVESTIGATION, GAO REPRESENTATIVES WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS BY JUNE 17, 1977:

3. HAS THE GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHED AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM THROUGH WHICH FARMERS ARE INSTRUCTED AS TO THE PROPER USE AND APPLICATION OF PESTICIDES?
4. ARE THERE MECHANISMS FOR TRACKING ACTUAL (RATHER THAN RECOMMENDED) PESTICIDE USE PATTERNS?
5. IF SO, WHAT PESTICIDES ARE CURRENTLY APPLIED BY FARMERS TO THE FOLLOWING COMMODITIES:

CANADA - GRAIN WHEAT, RICE, APPLES, LEAFY VEGETABLES;  
GUATEMALA - COCOA, RICE, COFFEE;  
MEXICO - BANANAS, COFFEE, RICE, TOMATOES, LETTUCE;  
FRANCE - LEAFY VEGETABLES, RICE, GRAIN WHEAT;  
BRAZIL - COFFEE;  
COLOMBIA - COFFEE;  
AUSTRALIA - DAIRY PRODUCTS, APPLES, RICE, LEAFY VEGETABLES, BANANAS;  
ARGENTINA - RICE, APPLES, GRAIN WHEAT, CITRUS FRUIT;  
UNITED KINGDOM - APPLES, LEAFY VEGETABLES.

6. ARE STATISTICS AVAILABLE ON THE NUMBERS AND TYPES OF ACCIDENTS AND/OR DEATHS THAT HAVE OCCURRED FROM THE USE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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7. REPLIES SHOULD BE SLUGGED EPA/OIA. CHRISTOPHER

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